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9,598,000 HECTARES HARVESTED

MACHINES WIDELY USED -- Rzeczpospolita, No 236, 28 Aug 49

The harvest season is now closed and the Ministry of Agriculture has announced that wheat was harvested from 1,450,000 hectares, rye from 5,025,000, barley from 1,040,000, oats from 1,750,000, and winter and spring rape from 333,000. Peasants received help from 2,599 cooperative machine centers and 3,187 of their affiliates.

There were 1,824 tractors, 280 sheaf binders, 125 tractor-harvesters, 6,124 horse-drawn sheaf binders, and 5,000 horse-drawn harvesting machines available to the peasants for harvest work. In addition, 5,194 threshing machines and 460 winnowers were used. It took 706 internal combustion motors and 2,933 electric motors to run the various machines. The PGRs (State Farms) in Lublin, Wrocław, Szczecin, and Pomorze województwo used Soviet-made combines for the first time.

So far, the most favorable results were obtained on threshed grains. Average yields per hectare this year are as follows: 15 quintals for wheat, 14 for rye, and 13 for barley. In Poznan Wojewodztwo, average yields per hectare were even higher -- 17 quintals for wheat, 15 for rye, and 20 for barley.

The average yield for state farms was much higher than for ordinary farms.

NEW FARM MACHINERY SPEEDS WORK -- Trybuna Ludu, No 235, 27 Aug 49

The State Farm at Baborowko, Szamotuly Powiat, has increased production with new machinery. The best crops this year were obtained from rapeseed and wheat. A suction machine transfers a carload of hay, consisting of 10-11 ~~centals~~ ^{centners}, to the loft in 4 minutes with the help of three men, while 20 were previously needed for the same work.

VETERINARY SERVICES TO EXPAND -- Zycie Warszawy, No 235, 27 Aug 49

Dr Bida, vice-director of the Veterinary Department, stated that there were 1,560 veterinarians at present, and 1,713 supplementary personnel. Already 16,000 men have been trained for veterinary services and 15,000 more will be trained next winter. There are 426 animal clinics in operation; the number will grow to 700 next year.

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Glanders has been eliminated. Last year 723,000 horses were examined, and this year over 972,000. Hogs were vaccinated against erysipelas twice in the spring and summer, 3,600,000 vaccinated in all.

PZUW PAYS FOR HAILSTORM DAMAGES -- Rzeczpospolita, No 231, 23 Aug 49

Damage to plantings caused by hailstorms in Poland this year resulted in 82,000 claims in nine wojewodztwos.

Due to insurance carried by the planters which is compulsory in nine wojewodztwos this year, losses sustained were covered by the PZUW (General Mutual Insurance Institute) which paid 786 million zlotys in claims.

The greatest damage was caused in Kielce Wojewodztwo with 21,000 cases reported. Poznan Wojewodztwo reported 16,000 cases and Lodz Wojewodztwo, 12,500 cases.

All reported claims have been settled, and the PZUW is now making payment according to policy provisions. The average claim fluctuated from 20,000 zlotys in Gdansk Wojewodztwo to 7,000 zlotys in Kielce Wojewodztwo.

Early in August, a new wave of hailstorms caused great damage especially to fields of ripened oats. The PZUW is now appraising the damage in two village communities in Jaslko Powiat where the crop of 300 hectares was totally destroyed.

BUY 100,000 TONS OF GRAIN -- Rzeczpospolita, No 235, 27 Aug 49

Village cooperatives of the "Peasant Self-Help" purchased 100,000 tons of grain during the period ending 20 August. The greatest part was purchased in Poznan and Warsaw wojewodztwos, 37,000 tons in the former, and 17,000 tons in the latter.

AUTOMATIC HUSKING PLANT IN RZESZOW -- Trybuna Ludu, No 233, 25 Aug 49.

Through the initiative of the Administration of the State Forests, an automatic husking plant for larch seeds was opened in Debica. It has already husked 384 kilograms of seeds and it is expected that production will be speeded up fourfold.

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